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PROCLAMATION

RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following change in a shellfish harvesting area will take effect at sunrise, Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

All those waters in Onslow and Carteret Counties will return to the status in existence immediately prior to the August 14, August 15, August 16, August 20, and August 25, 2020, temporary closures **except the following which remain closed:**

ONSLOW / CARTERET COUNTIES

<u>New River - All those waters in New River</u> upstream of a line beginning on the northwest shore at Grey Point (34° 37.6001' N - 77° 22.3821' W) running southeasterly across the river to a point 34° 37.0831' N - 77° 21.5967' W near Goose Creek.

<u>Newport River - All those waters in Newport River</u> upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 34° 45.6646' N – 76° 44.0603' W on the south shore near Lawton Point, running northerly to a point 34° 46.5724' N - 76° 44.3786' W on the north shore just upstream of Hammock Rock.

The following also remains closed:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

<u>All those waters</u> between the permanent closure line near IWW Marker "89" in Ocean Isle, and the South Carolina State Line, to include Tubbs Inlet.

<u>All those waters</u> upstream of a straight line beginning at a point 33° 55.3874′ N - 78° 22.2861′ W on the western shore of the Shallotte River approximately 650 yards south of The Swash; running easterly to a point 33° 55.3385′ N - 78° 21.7279′ W on the eastern shore of the Shallotte River approximately 650 yards south of Shallotte Creek.

Lockwoods Folly River - All those waters north of a line beginning at a point 33° 55.5678′ N - 78° 13.8043′ W on the south shore of Spring Creek near the mouth; running easterly to a point 33° 55.4621′N - 78° 13.1714′ W near the northern tip of Sheep Island; thence running southeasterly to a point 33° 55.2284′N - 78° 12.7791′ W near the northwest point of Horse Island, to include a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Horse and Sheep Islands.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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- A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03K .0101.
- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the N.C. Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. In accordance with N.C. General Statute 113-221.1(c) all persons who may be affected by proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current proclamations.
- D. This proclamation returns the following area to normal closure boundaries: White Oak River.
- E. This reopening is due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Stephen W. Murphey, Directo

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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